## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1	1. A method of identifying entities having expertise in one or more				
2	subjects, the method comprising:				
3	querying a database for documents relevant to a subject;				
4	calculating a first score for each relevant document;				
5	determining entities affiliated with one or more relevant documents;				
6	calculating a second score for each entity based on the one or more first scores				
7	of the one or more relevant documents affiliated with the entity; and				
8	ranking expertise of the entities based on the respective second scores of the				
9	entities.				
1	2. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying a ranking of				
2	expertise of the entities to a user.				
1	3. The method of claim 2, wherein displaying a ranking of expertise of				
2	the entities includes graphically depicting levels of expertise.				
1	4. The method of claim 2, wherein displaying a ranking of expertise of				
2	the entities includes numerically depicting levels of expertise.				
1	5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:				
2	calculating a third score for each of a plurality of geographic areas based on				
3	the respective second scores of entities located within the each of the plurality of geographic				
4	areas; and				
5	ranking expertise of the plurality of geographic areas based on the respective				
6	third scores of the plurality of geographic areas.				
1	6. The method of claim 1, wherein determining entities includes:				
2	determining an author of the document; and				
3	determining from what one or more institutions the document emanated.				
1	7. The method of claim 6, wherein determining from what one or more				
2	institutions the document emanated includes:				
3	examining an address of the determined author.				
1	8. The method of claim 7, wherein the address is a mailing address.				

one of the Medlars databases.

1	9.	The method of claim 7, wherein the address is an email address.			
1	10.	The method of claim 5, further comprising displaying a ranking of			
2	expertise of the plurality of geographic areas to a user.				
1	11.	The method of claim 10, wherein displaying a ranking of expertise of			
2	the plurality of geog	raphic areas includes graphically depicting levels of expertise.			
1	12.	The method of claim 10, wherein displaying a ranking of expertise of			
2	the plurality of geographic areas includes numerically depicting levels of expertise.				
1	13.	The method of claim 1, wherein the first score is based on a type of the			
2	document.				
1	14.	The method of claim 13, wherein the first score is based on whether			
2	the document is a review.				
1	15.	The method of claim 1, wherein the first score is based on a number of			
2	pages of the docume	ent.			
1	16.	The method of claim 1, wherein the first score is based on a date of			
2	publication of the document.				
1	17.	The method of claim 1, wherein the first score is based on an impact			
2	score of a journal in which the document was published.				
1	18.	The method of claim 1, wherein the first score is based on a number of			
2	relevant documents				
1	19.	The method of claim 1, wherein the entities affiliated with one or more			
2	documents include	authors of the one or more documents.			
1	20.	The method of claim 1, wherein the entities affiliated with one or more			
2	documents include	institution affiliated with the one or more documents.			
1	21.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is at least			

1		22.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
2	Westlaw database.			
1		23.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the Lexis	
2	database.			
1		24.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
2	Dialog database.			
1		25.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
2	Medlex databas		,	
1		26.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
2	Science Citation Index.			
1		27.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
2	Genbank datab		The medica of claim 1, where the same as a second s	
1		28.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
1 2	Internet.	20.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is the	
		20	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is a subset	
1 2	of the Internet.	29.	The method of claim 1, wherein the database of documents is a subset	
			A configuration of the system comprising	
1		30.	A system for identifying expertise in a subject, the system comprising	
2	a server system coupled with a database of documents, the server system having a memory			
3	including:			
4			code configured to receive a subject from a user;	
5		a seco	nd code configured to query the database for documents relevant to the	
6	subject;			
7		a third	code configured to calculate a first score for each relevant document;	
8	a fourth code configured to identify entities affiliated with one or more of the			
9	relevant docum	nents;		
10		a fifth	code configured to calculate a second score for each entity based on the	
11	one or more so	ores o	f the one or more relevant documents affiliated with the entity; and	

- a sixth code configured to provide to the user a ranking of the expertise of the entities based on the respective scores of the entities.
- 1 31. The system of claim 30, wherein the server system is coupled to the database via a world wide network of computers.
  - 32. The system of claim 30 wherein the server system is coupled to a world wide network of computers, and further comprising a user computer coupled with the server system via the worldwide network of computers.
  - 33. The system of claim 32 wherein the first code is configured to receive the subject from the user via the world wide network of computers, and wherein the sixth code is configured to provide to the user the ranking of the expertise of the entities via the world wide network of computers.